



# 2008 Annual Report

## To the Governor and Legislature of Florida

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
STATE ADVISORY GROUP



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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR**

**Introduction**

The Department of Juvenile Justice Profile has experienced a 10% reduction in youth referrals over the past five years. It also reported that fewer juveniles have been committed to adult prisons. The Comprehensive Accountability Report also confirmed that 93% of juveniles placed in a prevention program are staying crime-free for at least six months after the completion of the program. Florida's juvenile population significantly increased during 2007 to 2008, to greater than 21,500 with 99% of these youth between the ages of ten to seventeen. In an effort to address the needs of the citizens as to the care of our youth, the Department continues to create and incorporate new and better methods to increase public safety by addressing the issues of juvenile delinquency.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group established by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 serves as the advisory group to the Department of Juvenile Justice in its granting of Federal funds for prevention, intervention, and for the administration of funds received by the State of Florida. The State Advisory Group also serves as the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC), which is the policy committee for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). The State Advisory Group has four committees: Executive, Finance, Disproportionate Minority Contact, and Grants and Contracts.

The responsibilities of the State Advisory Group are:

- ❖ to monitor and ensure that the four federal mandates, defined by the JJDP Act of 1974, as amended, are addressed;
- ❖ advise the State's planning agency, the Department of Juvenile Justice;
- ❖ participate in the development and review of Florida's state plan, and;
- ❖ review and recommend grant applications submitted to the Department of Juvenile Justice for funding.

The State Advisory Group and the Department of Juvenile Justice have awarded over \$16 million to Juvenile Accountability Block Grant programs during the past 5 years with over \$3.6 million of grant awards between 2007 and 2008. As to Title II and Title V during the same time awarded more than \$18 million and \$1.5 million perspective. In the last two years Title II has awarded \$6,041,100 and Title V has awarded \$123,610. This report will describe the programs and activities funded for intervention, prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**  
**STATE ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS**

<b>SAG Member</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Alan Abramowitz	Director, Dept. of Children & Families	Volusia County
Captain Kip Beacham	Seminole County Sheriff's Office	Seminole County
Sophia Campbell	Youth Member	Miami
James Clark	President/CEO, Daniel Memorial	Jacksonville
<b>Jacqui Colyer</b> <b>SAG Chair</b>	CEO, Colyer Associates	Miami
Nathan Crock	Youth Member	Treasure Island
Judge Daniel P. Dawson	Circuit Court Judge	Orlando
Christine Epps	Executive Director, Shared Services Network	Vero Beach
Sheldon Gusky	Executive Director, Florida Public Defender Association	Tallahassee
Georgia Jones-Ayers	Director, The Alternative Programs	Miami
Jacquelyn Ledbetter	Youth Member	Tallahassee
Judge Frank Orlando (Ret.)	Policy Director, Nova SE University Law School	Fort Lauderdale
Patricia Pieri	Assistant State Attorney	Tampa
Donnie Read	President/CEO, Twin Oaks Juvenile Development	Bristol
Dennis Shuman	Chief Assistant Public Defender	Pensacola
Otis B. Stander	President/CEO, Associated Marine Institutes	Tampa
Janet Ter Louw	Director, PACE Center for Girls	Jacksonville
Susan Tholl	Director of Media Services, Lloyd Daniel Corp.	Fort Lauderdale
Mitch Wilkins	School Resource Officer, Tampa Police Department	Tampa
Aimee Wilson	Youth Member	Tallahassee

**JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**  
**STATE ADVISORY GROUP COMMITTEES**

***Executive Committee***

Members:

1. Jacqui Colyer, SAG Chair
2. Judge Daniel P Dawson Vice Chair
3. Donnie Read, DMC Chair
4. Sheldon Gusky, Finance Chair
5. Dennis Shuman, Grants and Contracts Chair

Responsibilities of the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Acting on behalf of the State Advisory Group (SAG) when the group is not in session;
- Assisting in the writing of the agenda for future SAG meetings, and;
- Assisting in the development of the OJJDP Annual Report to the Governor.

***Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee***

Members:

1. Donnie Read, Chair
2. Jacqui Colyer
3. Sophia Campbell
4. Jim Clark
5. Judge Frank Orlando
6. Janet Ter Louw
7. Judge Daniel Dawson

Responsibilities of the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Building long-term systemic change that can be maintained;
- Creating a balanced Juvenile Justice System;
- Accountability and Evidenced-Based” approaches;
- “Performance-Based” funding opportunities;
- Allocating funding for each DMC initiative.

***Finance Committee***

Members:

1. Sheldon Gusky, Chair
2. Susan Tholl

Responsibilities of the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Review of current and proposed financial plans for disbursing funds and
- Recommend financial decisions under the duties of the State Advisory Group.

### ***Grants & Contracts Committee***

Members:

- Dennis Shuman, Chair
- Mitchell Wilkins
- Christine Epps
- Pattie Pieri
- O. B. Stander
- Nathan Crock
- Jacquelyn Ledbetter

Responsibilities of the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Review Request for Proposals and Programmatic evaluation reports,
- Review JJDP grant-funded applications.

## **JJDP ACT MANDATES AND COMPLIANCE STATUS**

In order for states to receive funding from the JJDP Act, they must be in compliance with the core requirements of the Act. The four core requirements of the JJDP Act were established to protect juveniles in the juvenile justice system from inappropriate placement within the juvenile justice system, and from the potential physical and/or psychological harm that can be associated with exposure to the adult criminal justice system.

The JJDP Act, as amended in 2002, stipulates that if a State fails to comply with one or more of the core requirements, the State's allocation shall be reduced by not less than 20% for each such requirement and shall agree to expend 50% of the amount allocated to the State for that fiscal year to achieve compliance with any of the requirements in non-compliance.

Florida's compliance status to the JJDP Act Mandates is assessed annually. For FY 2007-08, G4S Youth Services was contracted by DJJ to provide compliance monitoring services. A description of the mandates and Florida's FY 2007-08 compliance status by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is as follows:

### **I. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)**

- **JJDP Mandate**

Juveniles charged with offenses that would not be criminal if committed by an adult shall not be placed in juvenile detention or correctional facilities, but must be placed in shelter facilities. Status offenses include, but are not limited to, truancy, running away, and minors in possession of alcohol.

- **Compliance Status**

Florida was in compliance.

### **II. Removal of Juveniles From Adult Jails and Lockups (Jail Removal)**

- **JJDP Mandate**

No juvenile shall be securely held in adult jails and lockups. Under the Reporting Exception, accused law violators may be held for up to six hours for the purpose of identification, processing, interrogation, transfer to a juvenile facility, or while awaiting release to parent/guardians.

- **Compliance Status**

According to the FY 2007-08 Compliance Monitoring Report, 95% of all adult facilities were visited during the reporting year. This amount does not include 35% of all juvenile detention facilities, or 28% of all juvenile training schools. "The State is considered in full compliance with de minimis exceptions and is not required to address criteria B and C." There were multiple violations, but these violations did not show a statewide pattern. The number of youth held in adult jails, lock-ups and non-approved collocated facilities in excess of six (6) hours was 455 at a rate of 100,000 populations or 11%. Due to implemented programs like the voucher system the Florida has shown improvement overall. Seven facilities accounted for 77% of the violations. With continued corporation with these facilities the JJDP Compliance Monitoring Project envisions a continued decrease in the number of violations.

### **III. Separation of Juveniles From Adult Offenders (Separation)**

- **JJDP Mandate**

During the temporary period that a juvenile may be securely held in an adult jail and lockup, sight and sound contact is not permitted between the juvenile and adult inmates or trustees.

- **Compliance Status**

According to the FY 2007-08 Compliance Monitoring Reports, 72% of all facilities were visited during the reporting year. This figure includes 294 adult jails, 79 lockups and 147 training schools and/or juvenile detention centers. The compliance failures did not appear to be a statewide pattern of practice. The facilities are currently working with the Florida JJDP Compliance Monitoring Project to prevent future violations.

### **IV. Reduction of Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC)**

- **JJDP Mandate**

States must address reducing the proportion of juveniles who are 1) detained or confined in secure detention facilities, secure correctional facilities, and jails and lockups and 2) who are members of ethnic groups if the proportion of the ethnic group exceeds the proportion that the group represents in the general population.

- **Compliance Status**

The State Advisory Group's DMC Committee implemented Referral Reduction Coordinators in eight sites last fiscal year including four new pilot sites in Circuits 1, 4, 5, and 13. During the second half of the FY four more sites were added. For FY 2007-08 the DMC has established a Task Force and develop a high-risk youth and community targeting policy for all DJJ prevention programs. This is to ensure that prevention services are aligned with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's mission to "increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services. An annual DMC statewide summit to educate, train and disseminate effective strategies and practices to reduce minority overrepresentation has been established with the first summit will be held during FY2008-09.

The training for DMC will consist of five subject areas:

- facts, statistics, risk factor domains, causes and correlates of DMC
- stakeholder collaboration and partnerships
- restorative justice/neighborhood and school accountability boards
- cultural competence and diversity training
- mental health and gender-specific issues

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## **COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY**

OJJDP has developed an initiative to assist individual states with setting a foundation for their juvenile delinquency prevention activities. The function of the Comprehensive Strategy is to provide a framework for strategic responses and assist in implementing solutions to the increase in juvenile violence. The five key principles of the Comprehensive Strategy are to:

- Strengthen the family in their role of providing guidance and discipline and instilling sound values as their children's first primary teachers.
- Support core social institutions in their role of developing capable, mature, and responsible youth.
- Promote delinquency prevention as the most cost-effective approach to reducing juvenile delinquency. Communities must take the lead in designing and building comprehensive prevention approaches that address risk factors, enhance protective factors, and target youth at greatest risk of delinquency.
- Intervene immediately and effectively when delinquent behavior occurs. Ensure that appropriate sanctions for misconduct are delivered in a timely fashion.
- Identify and control the small group of serious, violent, and chronic juvenile offenders through a range of graduated sanctions, including placement in secure facilities.

### ***A Review of Juvenile Crime in Florida, FY 2007-08***

- According to the Department of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Profile for FY 2007-08, the number of youth referred has decreased by 10% over the past five years. Similarly, the Department's 2007 Comprehensive Accountability Report shows that 93% of juveniles placed in prevention programs remained crime-free for at least six months after the completion of the program in FY 2005-06.
- Overall, Juvenile crime in Florida has declined to its lowest level in the last five years. The number of referrals to the Department of Juvenile Justice has decreased by 7% since FY 2003-04. Similarly, in the last five years, referrals for felony offenses have decreased by 6%, including a decrease of 27% for sexual assault. More youth, about 55% (49,237), were referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice for misdemeanor offenses than any other type of delinquency in FY 2007-08.
- In FY 2007-08, 59% of all referrals were attributable to minority youth. Over the past three years, the total number of referrals generated by Black and Hispanic youth has decreased by 2% for each group.
- In comparison to the previous year, the following circuits experienced a decrease in the number of referrals for Black youth in FY 2007-08: circuit 1 decreased by 5%, circuit 5 decreased by 11%, circuit 8 decreased by 8%, circuit 13 decreased by 2%, and circuit 19 decreased by less than 1%. Conversely, circuits 2, 4, and 11 saw increases in the number of referrals for Black youth during that same time period. Circuits 1 and 5 also experienced a decrease in the number of referrals for Hispanic youth for FY 2007-08 compared to the previous year.

## **TITLE II (FORMULA GRANT)**

The Title II (Formula Grant) Program supports state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. It allocates funding for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs and targets youth in high-crime neighborhoods. Through this program, OJJDP provides funds directly to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to help them implement comprehensive state juvenile justice plans based on detailed studies of needs in their jurisdictions. A State's eligibility is based upon each state's compliance with the mandates of the JJDP Act and Compliance Monitoring Report.

*Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Grants* – DMC grants are funded with Title II federal money. In the JJDP Act of 2002, Congress required that states participating in the Formula Grant Program “address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups, who come into contact with the juvenile system” (see 42 USC. §223(a)(22)). For the purposes of this requirement, the OJJDP has defined minority populations as American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders. Any state that fails to address the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system stands to lose 20% of its Formula Grants allocation for the year.

The Department of Juvenile Justice continues to expand its efforts to reduce the number of juvenile justice arrests for minor crimes. The Department of Juvenile Justice, in partnership with the State Advisory Group, announced the Civil Citation/Equal Justice Initiative. The development of a statewide civil citation/equal justice initiative is has provided most circuits throughout Florida with a reduction in the number of referrals to the juvenile justice system and has shown a significant reduction of Disproportionate Minority Contact within the juvenile justice system throughout the state of Florida.

Pursuant to Section 223(a) (22) of the JJDP Act, the Department's juvenile prevention efforts and system improvement efforts have been designed to reduce the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. While the Department's compliance is currently being assessed, it continues to assist communities in providing their children, families, neighborhoods, and institutions with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to foster a healthy and nurturing environment, which supports the growth and development of productive and responsible citizens.

In conjunction with the Comprehensive Strategy, there are two key elements that aim to reduce delinquency and youth violence by supporting a statewide DMC Initiative:

- *Support circuit partners in the implementation of local projects designed to reduce the number of referrals to the juvenile justice system.*  
Through the Civil Citation Initiative, youth who commit non-serious delinquent acts are given the opportunity, by the responding law enforcement officer, to accept an alternative to arrest. The Department's goal is to better equip each circuit with the tools and resources necessary to utilize alternatives to arrest for minor crimes. An intended area of specialized focus is the reduction of school-related referrals and the disproportionate

minority contact with the juvenile justice system. This process is not used as a punitive response to mischievous acts. Civil Citation will be used strictly as “an alternative to arrest.” Providing a civil citation alternative, including proper training and technical assistance to school resource officers/officials on how and when to use the civil citation program, could substantially reduce the number of school-related referrals.

- *Reduce the detention rate for youth with misdemeanor cases of domestic battery.* Collaborative partnerships have been developed with local Runaway Shelters and/or Florida Network of Youth and Families Services shelters to provide an alternative placement for a youth who commits an offense of domestic violence but otherwise does not meet the detention criteria. Misdemeanor cases of domestic battery may also meet the criteria for civil citations thus avoiding the requirement for detention.

The Civil Citation/Equal Justice Initiative is an efficient and innovative alternative to referrals to the Department for youth who commit minor delinquent acts and will ensure swift and appropriate consequences.

The Department has Eight (8) Comprehensive Strategy sites:

Gainesville	(Circuit 8)	Jacksonville	(Circuit 4)*
Miami/Dade	(Circuit 11)	Tampa	(Circuit 13)*
Ft. Pierce	(Circuit 19)	Pensacola	(Circuit 1)*
Fort Myers	(Circuit 20)	Ocala	(Circuit 5)*

In order to assist other communities in fully developing and implementing the Civil Citation/Equal Justice project of the Comprehensive Strategy, the State Advisory Group allocated \$1,000,000 to implement additional sites in the State of Florida. The direction for FY 2007-08 has developed and implemented an additional of four (4) additional sites at a cost of \$800,000 of the \$1,000,000 being used. There continues future plan is to add eight (8) more sites, which will establish the project in each state circuit.

All Title II grant recipients have a maximum of two renewals for their yearly grants (up to three years of funding). For FY 2007-08, \$3,184,000 was available in Federal Grant monies, of which \$2,857,050 has been awarded by the State Advisory Group, resulting in a balance of \$1,949,863 in unobligated funds for new and existing projects.

<b>2007 Title II Grant<sup>1,2</sup></b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
Planning & Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$318,400

\* The Comprehensive Strategy sites were selected by the State Advisory Group for FY 2006-07.

<sup>1</sup> Descriptions of grant programs are located in Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> All 2007 Title II Grant Program award amounts are for FY 2007-08.

<b>2007 Title II Grant</b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
State Advisory Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$30,000
A2050	G4S Youth Services	JJDP Act of 2002 Compliance Monitor	N/A	190,000
<b>System Improvement Sub-Grant</b>				
Q6001	Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation	Formerly Florida Business Partners for Juvenile Justice	3	\$120,000
Jail Removal Voucher System	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$30,000
DMC Annual Summit	N/A	N/A	N/A	150,000
DMC Work Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	150,000
<b>Minority Confinement Sub-Grants</b>				
Q6026	STOP	N/A	Term ends 1/31/09	100,000
Q7801	19th Judicial Circuit Court Administration	19th Circuit Civil Citation Equal Justice Program	2	\$200,000

<b>2007 Title II Grant</b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
Q7802	Corner Drug Store, Inc.	Project Turnaround Civil Citation	2	200,000
Q7803	Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department	Miami-Dade Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative	2	\$200,000
Q7804	Office of the State Attorney	Circuit 20 Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative	2	\$200,000
Q7805	Office of the State Attorney	Circuit 4 Civil Citation Program (CCP)	1	150,000
Q7806	Success 4 Kids & Families	Circuit 13 Citation Equal Justice Initiative	1	150,000
Q7807	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Circuit 1 Citation Equal Justice Initiative	1	150,000
Q7808	Marion County Sheriff's Office	Circuit 3 Citation Equal Justice Initiative	1	150,000
<b>Delinquency Prevention Sub-Grant</b>				
Q6010	Lee County Human Services	Restitution Accountability Board	Term ended 6/30/08	\$64,137
Q6011	Jewish Family and Children's Service of Sarasota-Manatee, Inc.	Adolescent Diversion and Assistance Program	Term ended 6/30/08	\$100,000

<b>2006 Title II Grant</b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
Q6013	Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay	P.O.W.E.R for Girls	Term ended 6/30/08	\$42,080
Q6014	Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc.	Wilderness Quest: Alternative to School Suspension Program	Term ended 6/30/08	\$98,920
Q6015	Eckerd Youth Alternatives	Hi-Five Early Intervention Program at Sherwood Elementary in Melbourne	Term ended 6/30/08	\$100,000
Q6016	Okaloosa Academy, Inc.	Aggressors, Victims and Bystanders	Term ended 6/30/08	\$100,000
Q6017	Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tampa Bay	Project DOVE	Term ended 6/30/08	\$65,000
Q6018	Mental Health Care, Inc.	Project End Violence Early (EVE)	Term ended 6/30/08	\$100,000
<b>Safe Schools &amp; Students Programs</b>				
Q8902	Panhandle Area Education Consortium	Guiding Students Toward Safe and Healthy Choices Cir 2 & 14	1	150,000
Q8903	19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Office of Court Administration	Circuit # Nineteen	1	150,000
Q8904	Non-Violence Project USA, Inc.	Improving Community control POWER -Circuit 11	1	150,000
Q8905	Friends of Franklin County Public Library	Keeping it Together KIT) -Circuit 2	1	150,000

<b>2006 Title II Grant</b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
Q8906	Bethel Youth Development Inc.	Bethel Safe Schools & Students Programs Circuit 1	1	150,000
Q8907	Marion County Sheriff's Office	Safe Schools and Students Program-Circuit 3	1	150,000
Q8908	Liberty County Sheriff's Office	Safe Schools and Students Program-Circuit 2	1	150,000
Q8909	Brevard Public School System	Hi-Five Program at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School-Circuit 8	1	150,000
Q8910	Putnam County Sheriff's Office	Guardian Program-Circuit 7	1	150,000
Q8911	School Board of Hillsborough County	Promotion of Wellness, EmP.O.W.E.R.met and Responsibility-Circuit 13	1	150,000

**TITLE V**  
**(COMMUNITY PREVENTION GRANT)**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Title V Program was established in the 1992 reauthorization of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. Under the OJJDP Title V Program, each State Advisory Group has the responsibility to recommend and fund projects.

The Title V Program is geared to helping communities develop a collaborative, community-based delinquency prevention planning effort. The purpose is to reduce juvenile delinquency and youth violence by supporting communities in providing their children, families, and neighborhoods, with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to foster a healthy and nurturing environment, which supports the growth and development of productive and responsible citizens. As a result, communities are required to form a Prevention Policy Board that will identify community risk and protective factors, which contribute to and protect against delinquency.

To become eligible for Title V funding, units of local government must be in compliance with the mandates of the JJDP Act, establish a Prevention Policy Board (PPB) and have a three-year Delinquency Prevention Plan. The three-year prevention plans are designed to reduce risk factors associated with juvenile delinquency and assist in decreasing the incidence of juvenile problem behavior. In addition, applicants must provide a 50% match (cash/in-kind).

For FY 2007-08, the Title V was greatly reduced with \$75,250 available in Federal Grant monies. The State Advisory Group has awarded the full amount to Gilchrist County School System with no unobligated funds.

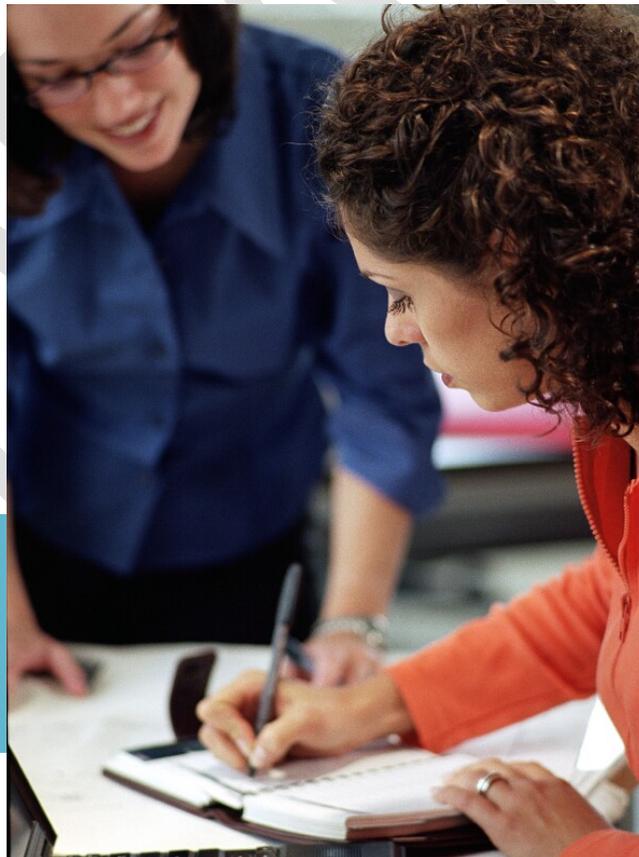
<b>2006 Title V Grant</b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
Q8901	Gilchrist County School System	Safe Schools Safe Students Program	2	150,000

### *Importance of Title II and Title V in Prevention*

The overall goals and objectives for the Title II (Formula Grant) and the Title V (Community Prevention Grant) Programs are: to improve juvenile justice systems to increase compliance with the core requirements; increase the availability of prevention and intervention programs and the variety of prevention and intervention programs; with the understanding that all programs are not for all youth. The immediate goals and objective are to support both State and local prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements.

Direction for FY 2007-08:

- Continue delinquency prevention programs designated for a third year of funding;
- Continue Civil Citation-Equal Justice programs for second year funding;
- Fund research-based programs;
- Encourage cooperative and collaborative efforts for prevention programming;
- Fund programs and initiatives that present promising approaches to address Disproportionate Minority Contact;
- Continue efforts to educate law enforcement on the JJDP Act mandates; and the areas where programs have been implemented
- Continue funding for projects to reduce school-related referrals.



## **JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT**

Block Grant programs are funded through the Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program, administered by the State Relations and Assistance division of the OJJDP, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice. The JABG programs support state and local efforts to address juvenile crime by encouraging reforms that hold juveniles accountable for their actions. Funds may be used for specific purposes, including school safety, restorative justice, diversion, and accountability-based programs for juveniles.

For FY 2007-08, \$1,802,500 was available and awarded in Federal Grant monies.

<b>Juvenile Accountability Block Grant<sup>3,4</sup></b>				
<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>Restorative Justice</b>				
JB801	Broward, Duval and Escambia Counties	Alternative to Secure Detention	2	\$467,514
X1480	Office of Program Accountability	Trauma Initiative	3	\$252,872
N1005	Brownsville Community Development Corp.	Lifeline Neighborhood Accountability	2	\$60,000
SB100	Christian Care Center	Christian Care Peer Mediation	2	\$60,000
SB101	NET, INC	Peer Mediation	2	\$60,000
<b>Juvenile Accountability Block Grant</b>				

<sup>3</sup> Descriptions of grant programs are located in Appendix A.

<sup>4</sup> All Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program award amounts are for FY 2007-08.

Grant #	Agency Name	Program Name	Funding Year	Award
SB 103	Communities in Schools of Bradford County, Fl. Inc.	CIS Tornado Mediation	2	\$60,000
SB 104	Brownsville Community Development Corp.	Justice Peer Mediation	3	\$60,000
SB 105	Collier County Sheriff's Office	Collier County Sheriff's Office Peer Mediation	3	\$60,000
JB 704	Legal Services of North Florida	Team Child	2	\$160,000
JB 802	DJJ Office of Health Services	Health & Mental Health Services & Tech. Assist.	3	\$119,000
<b>System Improvement</b>				
JB 803	DJJ Office of Prevention & Victim Services	Establish & Maintain Accountability Based Programs	2	\$252,872
JB 804	DJJ Office of Program Accountability	Evidence Based Practices Initiative- Programming & Tech Assistance	2	\$545,686
JB 805	DJJ Office of Probation	Slot Management and Contact Requirements thru YES Plan	2	\$598,720
<b>Juvenile Accountability Block Grant</b>				

Grant #	Agency Name	Program Name	Funding Year	Award
<b>System Improvement continued</b>				
A 0001	DJJ Office of Prevention & Victim Services	Planning and Administration	N/A	\$63,036
A 2012	DJJ Office Research & Planning	DRAI Validation Study	1	\$100,000
DO72819	DJJ Office Research & Planning	Detention Risk Assessment tool	1	\$48,000
V5S02	DJJ Office of Residential Services	Residential PACT Development & Implementation	3	\$589,036

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

With the dedication of the JJDP State Advisory Group in participating in the development and review of the State’s JJDP Plan, the Florida Department Of Juvenile Justice is better able to carry out the specified functions of the JJDP Act and maintain its mission to *“increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.”*

## **APPENDIX A: PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

### ***Title II (Formula Grant)***

A brief program overview for the individual grants is provided below.

#### *Planning and Administration–P&A*

*This Grant provides staff salaries, travel, and other administration costs in office and for the State Advisory Group..*

#### *State Advisory Group – SAG*

*Grant monies are also allotted for expenses to support the advisory group such as meeting spaces and travel.*

#### *Q6001 – Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation*

Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation is a Direct Support Organization that builds partnerships between DJJ and the business community. The Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation facilitates the Governors Community Investment Awards

#### *Jail Removal Voucher System*

The Jail Removal Voucher System program provided funding for law enforcement at adult jails and adult lockups to transport "in custody" youth to the Juvenile Assessment Center/Juvenile Intake Facility or Juvenile Detention Center if no responsible adult was available within the required time frame.

#### ***Minority Confinement & Civil Citation Sub-Grants***

##### *Q6019 – Gadsden County Community Justice Program*

The Gadsden County Community Justice Program will institute a school accountability board to deal with problem behaviors in the school. They will also provide mentoring and academic services to those referred to the program.

##### *Q6021 – Civil Citation for Minority Populations*

The Civil Citation Program gives law enforcement legal alternatives to use instead of issuing a delinquency charge for first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders. Law enforcement officers make referrals directly to the Civil Citation Program. The program provides assessment, linkages to needed intervention/prevention services, and case management.

##### *Q6024 – Gadsden Civil Citation*

The Gadsden Civil Citation Program reduces youthful entry and/or re-entry into the juvenile/criminal justice systems by employing crime prevention, restorative justice and targeting human welfare service providers to work with at-risk youth and youthful offenders and their families.

*Q6026 – STOP*

STOP is an out-of-school suspension program that provides support and counseling services to children who are suspended from school, in a safe and secure environment, to diminish the number of repeat suspensions, curb, school dropout rates, and decrease juvenile delinquency.

*Q7801 – 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Civil Citation Equal Justice Program*

The 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Civil Citation Equal Justice Program will reduce the number of referrals to DJJ by diverting approximately 500 youths not currently being referred to diversion programs by sheriff's offices, schools, etc. Services will include Peace-making circles, supervised offender community service crews, group conferencing, peer mediation, substance abuse screenings, and referral to specialized service providers.

*Q7802 – Project Turnaround Civil Citation*

The Civil Citation Project Turnaround Program gives law enforcement a legal alternative to arresting youth, the State Attorney's Office an alternative to prosecution, and youth involved in the juvenile justice system an opportunity to develop into healthy, productive adults while minimizing the risks they pose to the community.

*Q7803 – Miami-Dade Civil Citation Equal Justice Program*

The Miami-Dade Civil Citation Equal Justice Program reduces misdemeanor arrests and incidents of disproportionate minority overrepresentation by implementing systematic prevention programming addressing youth's service needs while adhering to restorative justice principles.

*Q7804 – Circuit 20 Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative*

The Circuit 20 Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative will be implemented in schools served by Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) School Resource Officers and in the 33916 zip code with the LCSO Community Policing Officers. A Referral Reduction Coordinator will provide coordination throughout Circuit 20 to reduce delinquency referrals and improve case processing.

*Q7805—Circuit 4-Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative*

This Grant helps to expand the existing Civil Citation In Duval County to include training for officers on the street to write civil citations for incidents of domestic violence in appropriate situations.

*Q7806—Circuit 13 Success 4 Kids & Families—Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative*

Seeks to reduce referrals to DJJ and work to reduce disproportionate minority contact in the circuit and also aims to reduce the detention rate for misdemeanor domestic violence offenders.

*Q7807—Circuit 1 Big Brothers Big Sisters-- Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative*

This grant is designed to divert first time misdemeanor offenders through community service and group mentoring.

*Q7808—Circuit 5 Marion County Sheriff's Office Work in Lieu of Arrest (WILA) Civil Citation Equal Justice Initiative* This grant offers first time juvenile misdemeanor offenders who have never participated in diversionary program before as an alternative to arrest.

### ***Delinquency Prevention Sub-Grant***<sup>5</sup>

#### *Q6009—Baker County Teen Court*

The Baker County Teen Court program will serve approximately 100 at-risk youth between the ages of 10-17, who are first-time offenders with misdemeanor charges. Youth will admit guilt and stand before a jury of their peers for sanctions. The program will help reduce juvenile crime and delinquency and help reduce the recidivism rate among juvenile offenders.

#### *Q6010--Restitution Accountability Board*

The Restitution Accountability Board, adhering to restorative justice principles, will work with juveniles (charged with grand theft auto and burglary), victims of the crime, and the community. Restitution to the victim will be negotiated to address the harm and may not necessarily be monetary restitution.

#### *Q6011 – Adolescent Diversion and Assistance Program*

The Adolescent Diversion and Assistance Program is for juvenile ages 11-17, providing intervention services for youth who have been involved in domestic violence, shoplifting, battery/assault or gang activities. Youth will participate in psycho-educational groups or individual counseling for limited time frames to learn more adaptive behaviors and reduce the potential to re-enter the justice system

#### *Q6012 – Bay County Prevention Intervention (Self-Terminated)*

The Bay County Preventive Intervention program will use teacher-completed report cards to monitor student behavior. Weekly student meetings will focus on student progress toward behavioral objectives, problem solving, and social skills development. Parent trainings will focus on reinforcement-based parenting techniques and increased parent-school communication.

#### *Q6013 – P.O.W.E.R. for Girls*

P.O.W.E.R for Girls is a gender specific program focusing on the special needs of adolescent girls through mentoring and developing strengths and assets through community collaboration and psycho-educational group sessions. P.O.W.E.R targets the specific and general risk factors that affect girls and fosters an environment that nurtures non-delinquent behavior.

#### *Q6014 – Wilderness Quest: Alternative to School Suspension Program*

Wilderness Quest is a 5-day therapeutic wilderness experience serving at-risk youth ages 10-14. The program fosters the development of self-reliance and skills necessary to deal effectively with others at school, home, and the community. Following the wilderness experience portion of the program, the youth enters the three step aftercare: 1) Weekly behavioral and academic follow-up contact between the youth, parent, teacher, and case

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<sup>5</sup> All Title II programs highlighted in yellow closed on 06/30/2008

manager; 2) Monthly support/education; and 3) Monthly family support meetings designed to increase parental involvement in the youth's life.

*Q6015 – Hi-Five Early Intervention Program at Sherwood Elementary in Melbourne*

Violence and substance abuse prevention program serving 330 at-risk 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders at Sherwood Elementary School. School-based coordinators deliver classroom curriculum approved by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, which is proven to reduce violence by the U.S. Department of Education and facilitate small groups, literacy development, family, and teacher training.

*Q6016 – Aggressors, Victims and Bystanders*

The Aggressors, Victims, and Bystanders program is prevention curriculum that is offered as an elective course for middle and high school students attending the alternative schools in Fort Walton Beach and Crestview. Bridgeway Center will provide counseling to assist students in behavioral change.

*Q6017 – Project DOVE*

Project DOVE provides comprehensive mentoring to children living in Hillsborough County who have witnessed domestic violence. Services include: specially trained volunteers who serve as mentors to children, case management, support groups and counseling for children and their families. The expected outcome is decreased juvenile delinquency and stronger, violence-free families.

*Q6018 – Project End Violence Early (EVE)*

Project End Violence Early provides voluntary clinical services to families of youth at risk of becoming involved with juvenile justice due to the youth's domestic violence. The program aims to eliminate the violence by providing clinical case management, psychosocial assessment, in-home therapy and psychiatric consultation.

***Title V (Community Prevention Grant)<sup>6</sup>***

*Q6002 – Youth Enhancement Skills (YES)*

The Youth Enhancement Skills Program serves the most at-risk students enrolled at Riviera Middle School by providing protective factors through the designated "exemplary" program Life Skills Training (LST) and CRISS. Relevant outcomes of the YES Program include factors related to making schools safe, disciplined, and drug-free; reduced substance use, violence, and other conduct problems.

*Q6004 – Community Organizing Program*

The mission of the Live Oak City Community Organizing Program is to decrease juvenile delinquency by offering the youth of the community mentoring in safe and focused environments.

*Q6005 – Friends for the Future*

The Friends for the Future Program will reduce early persistent defiant and anti-social behavior, enhance family functioning, and increase family involvement by building a

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<sup>6</sup> All Title V grants highlighted in green closed on 06/30/08

community-family-school network. Through supervised programs and safe environments, such as after-school activities, mentoring, alternative to suspension, substance abuse prevention and Parentally Support Groups, for at-risk youth and families. Emphasis will be placed on motivating individual achievement, increasing self-esteem, interpersonal strength, effective communication, good decision making skills, and pro-social orientation.

*Q6006 – Reclaiming Our Community and Youth (ROCY) Program*

The mission of the Reclaiming our Community and Youth Program is to reduce truancy, academic failure, and delinquent behavior.

*Q6007 – 2005 Title V and Beyond*

The 2005 Title V and Beyond will strengthen the community by building resiliency in children, youth, and families to avoid drugs, crime, and violence. The project will fortify the community's protective factors, increasing awareness of and choices for, positive options that lead to an improved quality of life, including succeeding in school, being drug free, and developing skills in non-violence.

*Q6008 – Change the Culture*

Change the Culture is committed to preventing juvenile delinquency, improving the mental health of adolescents and working towards breaking the cycle of violence. Recognizing the intrinsic relationship among the health of the community, family and schools, our program seeks to support these elements in order to create a new culture based on belonging, respect, stress-reduction, and human values.

*Q7801 – Gilchrist County School Board*

Gilchrist Schools have expanded their educational system to offer practical academic learning. Their alternative school approach focuses not only on academic skills, it also teaches practical employ ability skills.

***Juvenile Accountability Block Grants***

*JB801*—Supervised home detention. OPS positions/travel expenses

*X148*—Trauma Initiative closed

*N1005* –Community volunteers facilitate a restorative justice approach to increase community safe/peace and reduce conflict/crime processing 18 juvenile offenses whereby the victim participates in decision making as to how the at-risk juvenile offender is held accountable for the offense committed as documented through a mutually agreed upon participant contract.

*SB100*—Peer mediation is both a program and a process where students of the same age group facilitate resolving disputes between two peoples or small groups. This process has proven effective in schools around the United States, changing the way students understand and resolve conflict in their lives.

*SB101* –Peer mediation for school-based offenses.

*SB103* –Recruits, trains, and manages peer mediators and volunteer trainers for interpersonal conflicts in a school setting.

*SB104* – Restorative justice approach to increase school safety/peace and reduce violence.

*SB105* – Using the principles of restorative justice, program addresses at-risk behavior through peer mediation for elementary & middle school youth in Immokalee.

*JB703* – Drug Court -- Using the principles of restorative justice, program addresses at-risk behavior through peer mediation for elementary & middle school youth in Immokalee.

*JB704* – Funds awarded to Team Child will be utilized for Team Child to provide legal, social and life management services to children and their families to enable them to overcome and cope with problems that impede the maintenance of healthy, loving, nurturing parent-child relationships. Through support of a social worker at the Public Defender's Office and an attorney at LSNF, children facing criminal convictions and dependency adjudications will be given services and advocacy to fight against removal from their homes, to fight for return to their homes, and to protect them when remaining or returning home is not in their best interest because of violence or neglect.

### **Juvenile Accountability Block Grants**

#### ***Improve Facility Practices and Programming***

*V5S02* – *Violence Reduction*

*This program is focused on the Risk & Needs Assessment portion of the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). Will improve detention center operations by reducing the opportunity for youth to be improperly or accidentally placed in secure detention*

*JB802* – *Provide Regional training sessions for Probation, Detention and Residential (Corrections) Services, contracted and state-employed staff (mental health, substance abuse, health care and administrative) on the DJJ mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Manual Revised August, 2006 and the DJJ Health Services manual Revised October 2006.*

*JB803* – *Prevention programs. Contract monitoring*

*JB804* – *A comprehensive and coordinated department-wide effort to provide further training in the application of the new evidence-based case management system. Contractors will be sought to provide curriculum, training, monitoring and evaluation services needed to extend the implementation of evidence-based practices in prevention, detention, probation, and residential treatment for youth.*

*JB805*—*The primary purpose of the project is to create an automated system that will assist probation staff in making the most appropriate*  
Improving DJJ detention facilities.

## ***System Improvement***

### ***Prevention***

*A0001— Planning and Administration*

*A2012— Programming and Technical Services*

*Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) Validation Study. This study will improve detention center operations by reducing the opportunity for youth to be improperly or accidentally placed in secure detention*

*DO747619— Evidence Based Practices Initiative - Programming and Technical Assistance*

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### ***Research and Training***

Prevention and DMC Report Card, PAM, Evidence-Based Treatment Statewide Training Initiative, Health Services Training, Residential Staff Training, and Juvenile Assessment Intervention Strategies Support Tool.

### ***Juvenile Accountability Block Grants – Neighborhood Accountability Boards***

All Juvenile Accountability Grant Programs marked below have been terminated or are no longer supported by Federal dollars.

*NB505 – Neighborhood Accountability Board Program*

The Neighborhood Accountability Board Program is an innovative approach to dealing with minor juvenile offenses without formal prosecution. By repairing harm to victims and communities and making offenders directly accountable to those who were harmed, this program allows the offender to understand the actual harm caused by their actions.

*NB511 – Escambia County Task Force Neighborhood Accountability Board*

The Escambia County Task Force Neighborhood Accountability Board will provide alternative solutions for juvenile offenders rather than the formal justice system. The following services will be provided: a behavior modification course, tutoring, case management/follow-up, community service, mentorship, and social-skill building/career awareness activities.

*NB514 – ASAP’s Prevention and Intervention Efforts (PIE) Program*

ASAP’s PIE Program provides intervention services to at-risk youths and their families. Multidisciplinary teams consisting of law enforcement, social services, mental health, school counselors, and various community-based organizations will provide an array of services including anger management, crisis intervention, family, and individual and parenting counseling.

*NB517 – Faith-Based Neighborhood Accountability Board Project (Terminated)*

The Faith-Based Neighborhood Accountability Board Project will develop a community decision-making process based on restorative justice principles and values aimed at repairing harm committed against victims and communities. Input from victim, community members and offenders in the effort to hold them accountable and make amends for their delinquent behavior.

*NB518 – Faith-Based Neighborhood Accountability Board Project (Terminated)*

The Faith-Based Neighborhood Accountability Board Project will implement a neighborhood accountability board in high delinquency referral areas. It will also host conferences and activities in these communities, and implement restorative justice principles and values aimed at repairing harm committed against victims and communities.

*NB520 – Neighborhood Accountability Boards of Southwest Florida*

By adhering to restorative justice principles, the Neighborhood Accountability Boards of Southwest Florida will work with juveniles and their parents, victims of the crime, and the community. Reparations to the victim will be negotiated in the form of a time-limited case plan to address the harm and repair and may not necessarily include monetary restitution.

*NB602 – Gadsden County Community Justice (CJ) Program NAB*

The Gadsden County Community Justice Neighborhood Accountability Board Program will serve as the primary restorative justice practice under the county's community justice program's disproportionate minority contact initiative. Neighborhood Accountability Boards provide the means for identified youth (and their family) to repair the harm that was caused, reduce the risk of recidivism through skill(s) development, and revitalize the community through interactions with law-abiding adults.

*NB607 – Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, Inc.*

The Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, Inc. provides the following services to the youth it serves: counseling, mentoring, prevention, intervention, family skills training, and self-concept building.

*NB608 – School NAB Project*

The School Neighborhood Accountability Board Project provides community-led, restorative, and competency building services for families of students exhibiting truancy and "continued disruptive behavior" in three targeted neighborhoods. This response to pre-delinquent behavior allows school and community members to advocate for school neighborhood safety, youth development, parental involvement, and alternatives to suspensions, expulsions, and placement changes.

*NB611 – The Nehemiah Project*

The Nehemiah Project will enhance the current Neighborhood Accountability Board program at Miami Gardens Drive. Enhancements will include a parent mentoring support group and a reading tutorial.

*NB620 – NAB of Bonita Springs and San Carlos Park*

The Neighborhood Accountability Board of Bonita Springs and San Carlos Park will provide and promote restorative justice principles and will work with juveniles and their parents, victims of crime, and the community.

*NB621 – Levy County NAB Project*

The Levy County Neighborhood Accountability Board Project will host Neighborhood Accountability Board conferences and activities on a bi-weekly basis in these communities. Program staff will plan and implement a community decision-making process based on restorative justice principles and values aimed at repairing harm committed against victims and communities. The board will provide sanctions to ensure the offender is accountable for their behavior. Offenders and victims will be requested to volunteer during the board process and after sanctions have been completed.

*DO341234 – NAB Training/Technical Assistance*

This program provides training and technical assistance for the implementation of Neighborhood Accountability Board programs.

*Accountability-Based Diversion Programs*

*DP410 – Children United With Parents*

The Children United with Parents program is a collaborative effort between the State Attorney's Office, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the Department of Corrections, and Daniel, Inc. The program was designed to build positive family relationships between inmates and their children and provide support for caregivers, in order to reduce the children's involvement with the juvenile justice system.

*DP563 – CHOICE*

CHOICE is a program based on a Boys & Girls Club model, which promotes positive growth and development among youth with multiple risk factors.

*DP566 – Calhoun Early Intervention Program*

The Calhoun Early Intervention Program will provide educational, developmental, and recreational services to students who are at-risk for academic failure.

*DP569 – Truancy Interdiction Program*

The Case Management component of the Truancy Interdiction Program proposes to reduce juvenile daytime crime and truancy with immediate short-term intervention. Case Managers will meet with truants/families to determine the underlying reasons for truancy. Community and/or academic services re-engaging in the truant in school/community will be utilized. Attendance and community services will be monitored. Moreover, individual and family services will be provided with an emphasis on building and strengthening families.